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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line ³~~8~~, as follows:

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FIGURE 4 is a side elevational view of one design of a guidewire exit tool according to the present invention. In this design, the handle 32 comprises an oval disk having a central depression 40 on either side of the disk and a raised annular ring 42 around the perimeter of the handle. The major axis of the oval disk is oriented at approximately 30° to the longitudinal axis of the pin 34. The orientation of the disk and depressions within the handle 32 form an ~~ergometric~~ ergonomic grip that is easily grasped by the thumb and forefinger of a user for movement within a guidewire channel. The other side of the guidewire exit tool is the same as shown in FIGURE 4.